

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) A bird seed collector of claim 1 further comprising:

a. a frame system (100) comprising a two part frame (200) having securing and supporting means to secure and support a reservoir (800); the reservoir (800) comprised in part of a bag (810); the frame (200) securing and supporting means permits the removal of the bag (810) from the frame;

b. the frame (200) and the (bag) are suspended from a suspension means (600), beneath a bird feeder, by cable, hook and hoop means (300, 400, 500);

c. the bag (810) having a bag top (840) and a bag bottom (830); opening and closing means (850) at the bag bottom (830);

d. a bag opening (820) at the bag top (840) receives bird feed scattered from the bird feeder.

[a.] e. the two part frame (200) having a top frame member (210) and a bottom frame member (250);

[b.] f. the top frame member having a downward directed wedge means (230) comprised of a top frame wedge means (230); the bottom frame member (250) has a wedge receiving means (260) which is sized and shaped to receive the wedge means (230).

3. (Currently amended) A bird seed collector of claim 2 further comprising:

a. the top frame wedge means (230) is comprised of a downward directed wedge means (230); the wedge receiving means (260) is comprised generally of a grove groove shaped and sized to receive the wedge means (230).

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1 4. (Currently amended) A bird seed collector of claim 3 further comprising:

2 a. the top frame wedge means (230) is comprised of a downward directed
3 protrusion including "V" or "U" wedge ~~or other shaped~~ downward directed protrusions
4 which are received into a wedge or other shape protrusion wedge receiving means (260)
5 shaped and sized to receive the top frame wedge means (230);

6 b. the bag (810), proximal the bag top (840) and proximal a bag top perimeter
7 (845), is placed between the indicated top frame member (210) and the bottom frame
8 member (250); the bag top (840) and the bag (810), being composed of pliable or flexible
9 material, will be depressed, by the top frame wedge (230), into the bottom frame wedge
10 receiving means (260) effecting a friction securing means between the bag (810) and the
11 two part frame (200).

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13 5. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 4 further comprising:

14 a. the two part frame (200) additionally secures the bag (810) with the frame (200)
15 via a clamping means provided by the top frame first clamp means (215) and the top
16 frame second claim means (217);

17 b. each of the top frame first clamp means (215) and the top frame second claim
18 means (217) extend outward from the top frame wedge means (230); the top frame first
19 clamp means (215) has a top frame clamp means first end (220) which is distal from the
20 top frame wedge means (230) and which forms a clamping means generally cup or hook
21 shaped toward the top frame wedge means (230); the top frame second clamp means
22 (217) has a top frame clamp means second end (222) which is distal from the top frame
23 wedge means (230) and which forms a clamping means generally cup or hook shaped
24 toward the top frame wedge means (230);

25 c. the top frame first clamp means (215) and the top frame second clamp means
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(217) are formed from spring or elastic means materials such as plastics and some metals; the spring component is such that the top frame clamp means first end (220) and the top frame clamp means second end (222) may be urged out and up or bowed out and up from the top frame wedge means (230) and, when forced downward against the bottom frame member (250) and released, the spring function will urge the receipt respectively by a bottom frame first clamp means (255) and bottom frame second clamp means (257);

d. the bag (810) composed of cloth, vinyl and or plastics.

6. (Currently amended) A bird seed collector of claim 5 further comprising:

a. a female to male interconnection between the top frame first clamp means (215) and the top frame second clamp means (217) with the bottom frame first clamp means (255) and bottom frame second clamp means (257) comprising securing means of the bag (810) between the top frame member (210) and the bottom frame member (250) via both friction and clamping forces;

b. the bag bottom closing means (850) includes zipper, Velcro®, and similar closing means;

c. the bag top (840) is distal to the bag bottom (830); the a bag top (840) at the bag top opening (820) comprises the bag top perimeter (845); the two part frame (200) receives the bag top (840) such that the bag top perimeter (845) is fully grasped between the top frame member (210) and the bottom frame member (250); the bag bottom opening (820) is closed or secured by the bag bottom closing means (850) when the invention is in use to collect bird seeds; when the closing means (850) is released or opened, the bag bottom opening (835) is revealed;

d. suspension means (600) is comprised of a suspension frame (610), which is generally elongated and planar and generally will be constructed of a semi-rigid material

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1 including wood, plastic and other construction materials including 1" X 2" wood stock;
2 suspension hook means (620), comprised of eye hooks (620) or other hook means will
3 receive hoop means (500) as the interconnection of the cable, hook and hoop means (300,
4 400, 500) with the frame (200); hook means (400) affixed by cable affixing means to the
5 cable means (300) where the hook means (400) ~~received~~ receives and supports the frame
6 (200); hoop means (500) affixed by cable affixing means to the cable means (300) where
7 the hoop means (500) is received by suspension hook means (620);

8 e. suspension mounting means (630) will be employed which will include screws
9 means (630) through the suspension frame (610) to a structure such as facie board or a
10 ceiling;

11 f. a suspension centering guide (640) is formed in the suspension frame (610) and
12 is centered in the suspension frame (610); the centering guide (610) is formed by forming
13 a "V" in the suspension frame (610) which will assist the consumer of the invention in
14 centering the suspension frame relative to the bird feeder; the centering guide (640) will
15 receive a hook means (650) which is employed to suspend the bird feeder; the centering
16 guide (640) insures the desired spacing between the suspension hook means (620) and the
17 bird feeder.

19 7. (Currently amended) A bird seed collector of claim 6 further comprising:

20 a. a bag annulus (832) is intermediate the [bat] bag top (840) and the bag bottom
21 (830) such that the bag (810) narrows from the bag top (840) to the bag annulus (832) and
22 the bag (810) generally enlarges from the bag annulus to the bag bottom (830).

24 8. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 7 further comprising:

25 a. the bag annulus (832) is has a annulus diameter of 3"; the bag (810) at the bag

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1 bottom (830) is approximately 10" in diameter or the bag bottom closing means (850)
2 will measure approximately 10".
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4 9. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 6 further comprising:

5 a. the bag (810) interconnected, at the bag bottom (830) with a bottle (860) with a
6 threaded PVC joint (865);

7 b. the threaded PVC joint (865) having a threaded interconnection with the bottle
8 (860) and offering a joint (865) opening which receives the bag (810) at the bag bottom
9 (830) for interconnection between bag bottom (830) and joint (865) generally by
10 interconnection means (870).
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12 10. (Currently amended) A bird seed collector of claim 9 further comprising:

13 a. interconnection means (870) comprised of glue means (870) ~~such as~~ including
14 hot glue.
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16 11. (Currently amended) A bird seed collector of claim 8 further comprising:

17 a. the suspension frame (610) is pre-drilled to receive a suspension wire (650)
18 which is affixed by bending means to the suspension frame (610) and formed to provide a
19 suspension aperture (660) capable of receiving a branch or some other protruding
20 structure;

21 b. the top frame member (210) has one or more ~~upward projecting eyelets (450)~~
22 ~~molded as an integral part of the top frame member (210) or one or more upward~~
23 ~~projecting eyelets (450) are affixed by eyelet (450) affixing means to the top frame~~
24 member (210).
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1 12. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 11 further comprising:

2 a. cable means (300) comprised of chain (300) which is received through each of
3 the one or more eyelets (450) with a clip hook (410) at a chain end (310) which clips into
4 a link of the chain (300) intermediate the frame (200) and the suspension means (600) or
5 cable means (300) is comprised of a belting means (300) with a belting buckle (415) at a
6 belting means end (310) which secures the belting means (300) intermediate the frame
7 (200) and the suspension means (600).

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9 13. (Cancelled)

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11 14 (Currently amended) A bird seed collector of claim [13] 12 further comprising:

12 a. cable means (300) comprised of chain (300) which is received through each of
13 the one or more eyelets (450) with a clip hook (410) at a chain end (310) which clips into
14 a link of the chain (300) intermediate the frame (200) and the suspension means (600) or
15 cable means (300) is comprised of a belting means (300) with a belting buckle (415) at a
16 belting means end (310) which secures the belting means (300) intermediate the frame
17 (200) and the suspension means (600).

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19 15. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 4 further comprising:

20 a. the bag bottom closing means (850) includes zipper, Velcro®, and similar
21 closing means;

22 b. the bag top (840) is distal to the bag bottom (830); the a bag top (840) at the
23 bag top opening (820) comprises the bag top perimeter (845); the two part frame (200)
24 receives the bag top (840) such that the bag top perimeter (845) is fully grasped between
25 the top frame member (210) and the bottom frame member (250); the bag bottom opening

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(820) is closed or secured by the bag bottom closing means (850) when the invention is in use to collect bird seeds; when the closing means (850) is released or opened, the bag bottom opening (835) is revealed;

c. suspension means (600) is comprised of a suspension frame (610), which is generally elongated and planar and generally will be constructed of a semi-rigid material including wood, plastic and other construction materials including 1" X 2" wood stock; suspension hook means (620), comprised of eye hooks (620) or other hook means will receive hoop means (500) as the interconnection of the cable, hook and hoop means (300, 400, 500) with the frame (200); hook means (400) affixed by cable affixing means to the cable means (300) where the hook means (400) received and supports the frame (200); hoop means (500) affixed by cable affixing means to the cable means (300) where the hoop means (500) is received by suspension hook means (620);

d. suspension mounting means (630) will be employed which will include screws means (630) through the suspension frame (610) to a structure such as facie board or a ceiling;

e. a suspension centering guide (640) is formed in the suspension frame (610) and is centered in the suspension frame (610); the centering guide (610) is formed by forming a "V" in the suspension frame (610) which will assist the consumer of the invention in centering the suspension frame relative to the bird feeder; the centering guide (640) will receive a hook means (650) which is employed to suspend the bird feeder; the centering guide (640) insures the desired spacing between the suspension hook means (620) and the bird feeder.

16. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 15 further comprising:

a. a bag annulus (832) is intermediate the bat top (840) and the bag bottom (830)

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1 such that the bag (810) narrows from the bag top (840) to the bag annulus (832) and the
2 bag (810) generally enlarges from the bag annulus to the bag bottom (830).

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4 17. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 16 further comprising:

5 a. the bag annulus (832) is has a annulus diameter of 3"; the bag (810) at the bag
6 bottom (830) is approximately 10" in diameter or the bag bottom closing means (850)
7 will measure approximately 10".

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9 18. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 17 further comprising:

10 a. the bag (810) interconnected, at the bag bottom (830) with a bottle (860) with a
11 threaded PVC joint (865);

12 b. the threaded PVC joint (865) having a threaded interconnection with the bottle
13 (860) and offering a joint (865) opening which receives the bag (810) at the bag bottom
14 (830) for interconnection between bag bottom (830) and joint (865) generally by
15 interconnection means (870).

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17 19. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 18 further comprising:

18 a. interconnection means (870) comprised of glue means (870) such as hot glue.

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20 20. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 17 further comprising:

21 a. the bag annulus (832) is has a annulus diameter of 3"; the bag (810) at the bag
22 bottom (830) is approximately 10" in diameter or the bag bottom closing means (850)
23 will measure approximately 10".

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25 21. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 20 further comprising:

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1 a. the bag (810) interconnected, at the bag bottom (830) with a bottle (860) with a
2 threaded PVC joint (865);

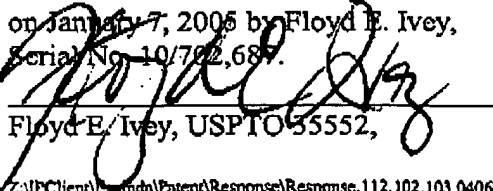
3 b. the threaded PVC joint (865) having a threaded interconnection with the bottle
4 (860) and offering a joint (865) opening which receives the bag (810) at the bag bottom
5 (830) for interconnection between bag bottom (830) and joint (865) generally by
6 interconnection means (870).

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8 22. (Original) A bird seed collector of claim 21 further comprising:

9 a. interconnection means (870) comprised of glue means (870) such as hot glue.
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